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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A.

FOREWORD

The undersigned, officials of Communions which are members of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, join in presenting this statement as a reliable and trustworthy portrayal of the Council.

The National Council is the official instrument of our co-operating Churches through which they co-ordinate their efforts and work together in common tasks. It is not self-constituted but was created by the member Churches, and is directly controlled by their delegated representatives and is accountable to them.

Since misrepresentations of the Council have been circulated by propagandists who are either uninformed or have their special "axes to grind," we commend to the public the following factual analysis as an accurate and authentic setting forth of relevant information about the Council.

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Dated: April 24, 1953

NOTE

The General Council of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., meeting in Atlanta, Ga., after having received information concerning the proposed publication of PLAIN FACTS, took the following action:

"First of all, the General Council would say that it is convinced that all accusations made against the National Council implying that it is 'Red' and 'subversive' are without any foundation whatsoever.

"Without wishing to appear to tell anyone who wishes to sign such a statement what he should do, the General Council feels that such a pamphlet as is proposed will not accomplish the purposes that it seeks. It is the judgment of the Council that it dignifies out of all proportion the criticisms which have been directed against it. These critics, in our judgment, would like nothing more than to have such publicity as this pamphlet could create.

"Therefore, it is recommended that the General Council instruct the Secretary not to sign the foreword as requested, and that the reason therefor be communicated."

REVEREND JAMES A. JONES
Chairman, General Council

Current misrepresentations of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America make it necessary to publish a plain and frank statement of the facts. This brochure is addressed to those persons who may have been confused by such misrepresentations.

A sensational sheet captioned "How Red Is the National Council of Churches?" — bearing a sickle and hammer in vivid red and circulated by a so-called "American Council of Christian Laymen"— is a conspicuous example of such misleading propaganda.

The publication, "How Red," is anonymous in character. It does not bear the signature of any person who individually or officially takes responsibility for its allegations. If it were a trustworthy document there would be no occasion thus to veil its authorship. Those who are careful about the truth do not need this mask of anonymity.

The "group" promoting the circulation of the document has no national standing and no national constituency. In spite of its high-sounding name, careful inquiry has failed to produce any evidence that the so-called "American Council of Christian Laymen" is really a "council" at all.

So far as can be learned, it consists of Mr. Verne P. Kaub and perhaps a half-dozen other individuals in Madison, Wisconsin, incorporated under a title likely to create the misleading impression that it is an important movement with a national membership.

Here is what the highly respected Capital Times, a newspaper in Mr. Kaub's home town of Madison, Wisconsin, said of him and his activities in a leading editorial on January 4, 1950:

THE CAPITAL TIMES

Published every afternoon except Sunday by Madison Newspapers, Inc Editorial direction by The Capital Times Company

WILLIAM T EVJUE ..Editor and Publisher
GEORGE R STEPHENSON.... Executive Editor
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D D DUNN ..... Managing Editor
CEDRIC PARKER ..... City Editor

Madison (3), Wis. Jan. 4, 1950

Error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it. —Jefferson.

Mr. Kaub Plays the Same Tune On Another Instrument

VERNE KAUB, who recently retired as publicity man for the Wisconsin Power & Light Co., has a new front organization to play around with in his ceaseless campaign to smear as "Communists" all who disagree with his peculiar notions of Americanism and Christianity.

This time Mr. Kaub has organized something that calls itself "the American Council of Christian Laymen." Like most of the organizations with which he has worked in the past, this group has more behind it than Mr. Kaub would have come into the public eye.

His reticence in letting the public know who his "Christian Laymen" are and, particularly, in making known the source of the group's finances is something for the books. For this organization has set out to prove that a lot of distinguished clergymen who have been identified with the Federal Council of Churches are sympathetic with communism. Mr. Kaub is willing to use an impressive organizational name to smear good Americans but he won't let the public know for whom this organization is speaking.

WE SUSPECT that "the American Council of Christian Laymen" is

Mr. Kaub and perhaps a few people who are always willing to kick in money to hang the label of communism on any person of progressive views. This is an old game for him, but it is the first time we know of that he has used a religious front for his smears.

Mr. Kaub has been dabbling in this sort of thing for many years.

MR. KAUB'S transition from political fronts to a religious front hasn't changed things a bit. He has merely substituted a religious harp for political brass. The tune is the same.

The assertion in the pamphlet that the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America is merely the Federal Council "operating under a new name" is false.

The National Council is a new structure, created by official action of the member Denominations in 1950 after a decade of discussion, and functioning under a new constitution and a new charter. It is the result of the merging of twelve different interdenominational agencies, of which the Federal Council was one — but only one — and is directly responsible to the delegated representatives of the denominations that now comprise it.

To describe the National Council as "the Federal Council operating under a new name" is as untrue as it would be to describe it as the International Council of Religious Education or the Home Missions Council or the Foreign Missions Conference or the United Council of Church Women "operating under a new name."

The complete list of agencies merged into the National Council follows:

Church World Service

Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

Foreign Missions Conference of North America

Home Missions Council of North America

International Council of Religious Education

Interseminary Committee

Missionary Education Movement of The United States and Canada

National Protestant Council on Higher Education

Protestant Film Commission

Protestant Radio Commission

United Council of Church Women

United Stewardship Council

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The document "How Red," lists 46 organizations as "Communist, Communist-front and Socialist," and 48 persons who are *said* to have "aided and abetted God-hating, un-American organizations."

The list of names is wholly unreliable. Although its purpose is to attempt to discredit the leadership of the National Council, the list includes several persons who are not now and never have been members of the National Council or any of its committees — for example, Harry F. Ward, Winifred Chappell, Willard Uphaus, Jerome Davis, and J. Howard Melish.

On the other hand this list includes leaders of American Protestantism so well known that any attack upon them discredits itself — for example, *Harry Emerson Fosdick*, for many years an outstanding preacher of

America; *Ivan Lee Holt,* Bishop of the Methodist Church and chairman of the World Methodist Council; *Walter M. Horton,* distinguished theologian of the graduate School of Theology at Oberlin; *John A. Mackay* of Princeton, president of the leading theological seminary of the Presbyterian Church; *Ralph W. Sockman,* one of the best known radio preachers of America; *George A. Buttrick,* editor-in-chief of "The Interpreter's Bible"; *Luther A. Weigle,* long-time dean of the Yale Divinity School; Right Reverend *Charles K. Gilbert,* honored Bishop of the Episcopal Church in New York for many years; and President *Henry Pitney Van Dusen* of the Union Theological Seminary.

Anyone so reckless or benighted as to describe such Christian leaders as having "aided and abetted God-hating un-American organizations" completely disqualifies himself as an observer of American Christianity.

Mr. Kaub's pamphlet is reminiscent of the discredited volume of Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling of nearly twenty years ago, "The Red Network." Mrs. Dilling, it will be recalled, once portrayed Senator Robert A. Taft as a dangerous radical.

The author of this pamphlet obviously does not wish to recognize the difference between the man of progressive views, seeking reform within the general pattern of our American way of life, and the Communist who seeks to overthrow our system. This is why the pamphlet is really dangerous. Such lamentable confusion of thought plays directly into the hands of the Communists. Nothing could serve their cause better than to destroy the influence of Christians who work for the amelioration of social conditions in America, for better race relations, for international order and for peace.

All of the 600 members of the General Assembly of the Council and all of the 120 members of its General Board are appointed or approved by the denominations to which they belong. Also a survey (December 1952) of 3,473 men and women serving on various National Council Boards and Committees shows every state in the Union represented, with ten states and the District of Columbia each having more than 100 such representatives.

One of every three members of these Boards and Committees is an official of a religious organization or agency (board secretaries, Bishops, denominational executives, etc.). One of every six is pastor of a local church. One of every eight is a housewife; one of every nine an educator; and one of every nine is a proprietor, manager or official in business.

Therefore, the legislative and supervisory bodies responsible for adopting and carrying on the Council's program constitute a real cross-section of Christian leadership of the Council's 30 member Communions.

To say that the National Council of Churches is "Un-American" or "subversive" or that "its leadership consists of a small radical group which dictates its policies" is unqualifiedly false.

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The list of organizations described by Mr. Kaub as "Communist-front"

reveals similar confusion. Many of them have been so designated by the Attorney General of the U.S., others have not. Neither the Fellowship of Reconciliation nor the American Civil Liberties Union has been listed by the Attorney General as subversive. It is inexcusable to mix up such organizations with groups which have been proved to be Communist-fronts.

Moreover, it is grossly misleading and unjust to ignore the fact that some of the organizations which have become infiltrated by Communists were not at all Communist-fronts *at the time when the criticized churchmen belonged to them*. Others had their Communist point of view so hidden that no one had reason to suspect such a tie-up at the beginning. This is doubtless why Attorney General Tom C. Clark, now an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, when he published the list, said:

> "Membership in, affiliation with, or sympathetic association with, any organization designated, is simply one piece of evidence which may or may not be helpful in arriving at a conclusion. . . .
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> "Guilt by association has never been one of the principles of our American jurisprudence. We must be satisfied that reasonable grounds exist for concluding that an individual is disloyal. That must be the guide."

Some of the churchmen listed in "How Red" were connected with the organizations in question at a time when this was eminently proper and patriotic. To take a specific case, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam is criticized for sponsoring a rally of "Soviet-American Friendship." Yet, there is no indication that this rally was held in 1942 when the United States and Russia were allies in arms. The author of "How Red" also carefully refrains from mentioning the fact that other sponsors of this very same rally were Hon. Cordell Hull, then Secretary of State; Hon. Jesse Jones, then Secretary of Commerce; Hon. Paul V. McNutt, then Federal Security Administrator; Hon. Christian A. Herter, now Governor of Massachusetts; Senator Arthur Capper, Senator Kenneth McKellar, Owen D. Young, and scores of other outstanding patriotic leaders.

Some of the churchmen listed in "How Red" made vigorous efforts to prevent Communist infiltration into organizations to which they belonged and resigned when they were unable to do so. Dr. Channing H. Tobias, for example, withdrew from the Council on African Affairs after he was unable to prevent pro-Communists from getting control. This happened years ago, yet he is listed in the pamphlet as if he were still a member.

Again, Roswell P. Barnes fought Communist infiltration into the American Youth Congress, and resigned when he was unsuccessful. Yet the pamphlet makes no such recognition of the real facts in the case and falsely implies that he continued to be a sponsor.

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To illustrate and document Mr. Kaub's continuous technique of misrepresentation and confusion, a com-

plete analysis of his charges against one of the 48 listed churchmen is presented. Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, respected General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, has been dedicating his time, talent and experience for the past 35 years to the development of Christian cooperation in this country and throughout the world. Because of his key position in the Council, we present a detailed examination of the attacks on him.

Dr. Cavert is charged with having "aided and abetted God-hating un-American organizations" — namely, Nos. 24, 37, 40, and 46 in Mr. Kaub's hodge-podge compilation.

No. 24 in his list is *The Fellowship of Reconciliation.*

What are the facts?

Dr. Cavert did belong to the Fellowship of Reconciliation for a year or two at the time when our government was convening an international conference for reduction of armaments and pressing for the Kellogg Pact for the Outlawing of War. He resigned when it became clear to him that conditions in the world required preparedness for defense, and has not been a member at any time within the last twenty-five years.

No. 37 is the *North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.*

What are the facts?

Dr. Cavert never was a member of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. He made critical statements in 1936 about the way in which Franco overthrew the Spanish Republic, but joined no organization dealing with this issue.

No. 40 is *"The Protestant."*

What are the facts?

Dr. Cavert never was affiliated with this magazine, never served on either its editorial board or its advisory committee, never contributed to its columns. He did sign an appeal against anti-Semitism entitled "Protestantism Answers Hate," which was published by *"The Protestant,"* at the time when Nazi propaganda against the Jews was at its height. To infer that this meant any connection with the magazine is untrue.

No. 46 is the *War Resisters League.*

What are the facts?

Dr. Cavert never belonged to the War Resisters League at any time.

An especially flagrant case of deception in this pamphlet is the way it uses a remark by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Hoover is quoted as saying, "I confess to real apprehension so long as communists are able to secure ministers of the Gospel to promote their evil work." This statement of Mr. Hoover's is inserted between two sections of the pamphlet, both of which refer to the Council of Churches, and the reader is thereby led to believe that Mr. Hoover was referring to it. Yet Mr. Hoover asserts without qualification that he had no such thought in mind, and that such a use of his statement was unjustified.

Reproduced on the following page is the letter from Mr. Hoover containing his statement of repudiation.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. _____

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

February 3, 1951

Mr. E. L. Repass
Passenger Traffic Manager
Norfolk and Western Railway
Company
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Mr. Repass:

Your letter dated January 26, 1951, has been received.

The quotation which you set forth was taken out of context from remarks I made before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives on March 26, 1947, at Washington, D. C. I am enclosing a reprint of these remarks. You will note in paragraph 4, on page 12, the statement to which you make reference.

I want you to know that neither on this occasion nor at any time have I ever made any statements criticizing the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches.

I am enclosing some material which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Here is another deadly parallel between truth and distortion.

Under a headline which says "Naval Intelligence Condemns Federal Council," the pamphlet thus relates an incident of 1935:

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE CONDEMNS FEDERAL COUNCIL

United States Naval Intelligence in 1935 reported that the Federal Council of Churches was subversive and was one of the strongest of the organizations "which while not openly advocating the 'force and violence' principles of the Communist Party give aid and comfort to the communist movement and party. . . . It is a large radical pacifist organization and probably represents 20,000,000 Protestants in the United States. However, its leadership consists of a small radical group which dictates its policies. It is always extremely active in any matters against national defense."

Since that time the activities and policies of the Federal Council have not improved one whit.

The fact is that "Naval Intelligence" never took any such action. What actually happened was merely that a minor officer of Naval Intelligence condemned the Council. His statement was introduced into the Congressional Record of September 10, 1935 by Congressman Maury Maverick of Texas, *not to support the charge* but to illustrate the irresponsible way in which an officer had misrepresented civilian organizations. *(See Congressional Record, Vol. 79, No. 180, Pages 15270-15273.)*

By a similar wresting of quotations from their context or deliberately omitting explanations which make the significance of the quotations clear, the pamphlet presents a gravely false picture of what the Council and individuals connected with it really stand for.

As a conspicuous illustration of this indefensible procedure, consider the distortion of a statement attributed to Dr. Cavert. He is quoted as saying, "The principle of competition seems to be nothing more than a partly conventionalized embodiment of primeval selfishness." When, however, one sees what Dr. Cavert really said, it is found to have been so outrageously garbled as to constitute inexcusable misrepresentation.

The original source* gave an analysis of two different views of competition. One view was described by Dr. Cavert as that of those who believe competition "is an indirect method of promoting the general welfare." Concerning those who hold an opposing point of view, the original statement said, "*To these observers of our social life,* the principle of competition appears to be nothing more than a partially conventionalized embodiment of primeval selfishness."

Note the violence that was done to the statement in question. All reference to the first of the two points of view is omitted, and then in the quoted sentence there is an inexcusable deletion of the seven words which indicate that the second view is that of "*some observers* of our social life." Finally, the eighth word is capitalized as if it were the beginning of a sentence.

By such artificial manipulations

**(See pp. 96-98, The Church and Industrial Reconstruction, Association Press, N. Y., 1920).*

any statements can be mangled until they "prove" almost anything!

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Mr. Kaub's pamphlet, in one of its printings, recommends as "must reading" "The Modern Tower of Babel" by Carl McIntire. The fact that Mr. McIntire is cited as an authority indicates the caution with which the whole presentation must be received. For the man thus taken as an authority is one whose animus against the bodies of historic Protestantism in America is easy to understand.

On June 30, 1936, Mr. McIntire was *deposed from the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.*, after full trial and conviction of

> "Disapproval, defiance, and acts in contravention of the government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.,"
>
> "Not being zealous and faithful in maintaining the peace of the Church," and
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> "Violation of his ordination vows."

Since that time he has been engaged in a bitter campaign against the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the Councils of Churches in which it cooperates with other denominations. Mr. McIntire's sense of proportion is sufficiently indicated by his opposition to the appointment of The Honorable John Foster Dulles as Secretary of State because of Mr. Dulles' association with the Federal Council and the World Council.

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While Verne P. Kaub thus cites Carl McIntire as an authority, another critic of the National Council, Edgar C. Bundy, is busy spreading the misrepresentations of "How Red Is The National Council," culogizing Carl McIntire's American Council of Churches, and attacking the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Mr. Bundy, in his speeches, states that he was ordained in a Southern Baptist Church, but his publicity ignores his clerical status and concentrates heavily upon his pretentious claim that as a Captain in the U. S. Air Force Reserve he "helped plan the defense of Alaska," "warned Congress one year in advance of the Korean War," and "has seen what Soviet Russia is building up inside Siberia," etc.

Edgar C. Bundy, Serial No. A0564944, served in the U. S. Air Force during World War II. He did not receive his commission as a Captain until March 6, 1947, some eighteen months after the Japanese surrendered. He reverted to inactive status September 1, 1948.

Reverend Mr. Bundy hails from Miami, Florida, and operates out of Wheaton, Illinois. Wrapping himself in the aura of "Air Force Intelligence," glibly quoting Mr. Kaub's misleading headline, "Naval Intelligence Condemns Federal Council," which is discussed above, this man stacks a huge pile of alleged authorities on a table by his speaker's stand and seeks to convey the impression among the unwary that he is indeed a David out to slay a Super-Church Goliath of "Communism and Hypocrisy" and to protect God's Word against the machinations of "32 socialistic, modernistic, pro-Communist 'scholars.' "

In his condemnation of "Infidels

masquerading as men of God and Christian teachers," Reverend Mr. Bundy attacks not only the National Council and the World Council, but Union Theological Seminary, the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Yale Divinity School, University of Chicago, Vanderbilt University, Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, and his own Southern Baptist Convention into which he says "rot and corruption" are coming through this same infiltration (modernism and communism).

The absurd length to which his emotionalism leads him is illustrated by his exclamation in the Miami Gospel Tabernacle Sunday afternoon, February 15, 1953, during a tirade lasting an hour and forty minutes, that "I wish I could show you some of the fiendish, licentious material being put out by the National Council of Churches." Rev. Mr. Bundy habitually punctuates such outbursts with references to Mr. Kaub's material.

Thus it is that Messrs. Verne P. Kaub, Carl McIntire, Edgar C. Bundy cite each other as authorities and quote one another's misleading, inaccurate statements with enthusiastic approval.

In spite of their claims to be describing the leadership of the National Council, these men and their literature never mention distinguished clergy and laymen who have been and currently are its responsible officers.

Their reason for omitting such references is obvious. Such a listing by itself makes it all too clear that the actual leadership of the Council is in the hands of honored fellow Christians.

No one could guess from hearing Reverend Mr. Bundy speak, or by reading Verne Kaub's "How Red," that the man elected in Cleveland as the first President of the Council was Right Reverend Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

No one could guess that its Vice Presidents during the first biennium, serving with Bishop Sherrill, included Mrs. Douglas Horton, former head of "The Waves" and former President of Wellesley, Dr. Harold E. Stassen, former Governor of Minnesota, former President of the University of Pennsylvania and now Mutual Security Administrator for the U.S.A., Dr. M. E. Sadler, President of Texas Christian University, and Dr. Charles T. Leber, General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

The present officers of the National Council of Churches, elected at the second General Assembly in Denver, Colorado, in December 1952 to serve during the current biennium are as follows:

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These, then, are the men and women — trusted leaders in their local churches and national denominations — dedicated to the noblest and best in American life and in Christian teaching — who are heading this great fellowship of 34 million Christians which seeks to strengthen the spiritual foundations of our country and to make the teachings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, more meaningful in our society.

It is lamentable indeed that such persons as Messrs. Kaub, McIntire, and Bundy should recklessly misrepresent the activities of the Council. Even more lamentable, however, is their confusion of thought in failing to differentiate between creative social criticism and subversiveness. In their speeches and writings they seem quite unable to distinguish between Communism and support of constructive measures of social advance prompted by the Christian conscience. They scatter the adjective "Red" as indiscriminately as a shotgun blast against all who do not share their own pet ideas. It would be a sad day for America and for the world should their viewpoint ever prevail.

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* Deceased.

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